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## Abstract of the Disclosure

The subject invention pertains to a method and apparatus for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) imaging. The subject method and apparatus are advantageous with respect to the use of RF coils for receiving signals in NMR scanners. The subject invention can utilize multiple coils to, for example, improve the signal to noise, increase the coverage area, and/or reduce the acquisition time. The use of multiple smaller surface or volume coils to receive NMR signals from the sample can increase the signal to noise ratio compared to a larger coil that has the same field of view and coverage area.